



# Annual Activities Report

## For the Year 2018-19

*making awareness a key to development*



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## MESSAGE

**PURNA CH. SAHOO**  
Executive Director

HOLY HOME enters into its 23<sup>rd</sup> years with a remarkable confidence. With sharpened clarity on approach and improved knowledge and talent base, the organization is poised to leap ahead to cover the underprivileged and distressed sections of the society. With the turn of this year, HOLY HOME feels proud to present its Annual Activities Report: 2018-19, which provides you a glimpse of what we did and achieved this year through our synergized effort.

Today we cherish to see that the seed we had shown years back has borne food and those for whom we had to travel miles together live a dignified life today. We continue our faith in the system and believe to work in coordination with District Administration and line departments of the Govt.. We are grateful to those officials who have extended timely support in to materializing our plans.

During the year 2018-19, the organization has put together the mechanism to deliver effective services to the target individual and community to make difference in the lives of the poor, needy and the neglected ones. This document reflects our innovative approaches to key events and the small and valuable changes that our work has brought in the common life of the deserving and neglected ones.

Thanks is not sufficient for the people those keep inspiring me in taking my assignment forward, day by day, year by year. I acknowledge the support, inspiration, help, your love and affection and moreover your confidence in me my colleagues, members, friends and well wishers. Let us be there together to work for the mass those are less privileged and in need of service without any discrimination.

Yours Truly,

  
Executive Director  
HOLY HOME

## GENESIS

HOLY HOME is a secular, nonpolitical, non government organization registered under Society Registration Act 1860 in the year 1995. The organization was conceived as an effort of a few social sensitive people who came from different backgrounds, charged with the vision of working with the vulnerable sections of the society and addressing issues giving rise to such vulnerabilities. In this context, youth, women, children and elderly that remain as its prime focus realizing that they are the potential agents of social change and other sections can also be reached through them.

Being inspired in thoughts and imbibed with values of the father of our nation; Mahatma Gandhi and visionary Mother Teresa that development of poor can take place when the rural people participate in their own development, HOLY HOME is committed to concentrate on the empowerment of vulnerable segments.

With twenty-three successful years of operation, HOLY HOME today is recognized as one of the front ranking NGOs of Odisha. We plan our activities based on analysis to the socio-economic contexts and the community dynamics of the area, with emphasis on community empowerment.

The report bears the humble achievements of the organization during the year 2018-19.

## REGISTRATION & AFFILIATION

- ✓ Registered under SRA XXI of 1860 vide Regd. No. 6353/35, dated 21.04.1995 and also registered under IGR vide Regd. No. 20942/81 dated 17.06.2000.
- ✓ Registered under FC (R) Act. of 2010. Vide No. 105110041 dated 08.03.2018 by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.
- ✓ Registered under Income Tax Act of 1961 under section 12A vide No. 82/2002-03 dated 13.03.2003.
- ✓ Registered under Income Tax Act of 1961 under section 80G vide Regd. No. 26/2013-14 dated 31.03.2014.
- ✓ PAN No. AAATH2379F & TAN No. BBNH00468G.
- ✓ NGO DARPAN (NITI Aayog, Government of India) Unique Id: OR/2009/0021751.

## VISION

Aspires to see every person irrespective of caste, creed, sex and religion enjoy equal rights and equal access to natural resources. It envisions a future for all people devoid of exploitation and poverty and where every person will live with dignity, respect and peace and will have equal opportunity to shape his/her life justifiably.

## MISSION

Socio-economic and educational empowerment of groups/communities/sections of the society by:

- Transfer of skills with respect to cultural and traditional knowledge into applicable techniques and institutionalizing developmental initiatives ensuring sustainability.
- Influencing administration at policy making level.
- Creating a consensus and bringing about modifications in popular behavior so as to stand against any oppression/exploitation and deterring cultural environment, ensuring social justice and harmony.

## GOALS

- Emancipation of the underprivileged class from the evils of exploitation, superstition, stigma, fear and helplessness.
- Enlightenment as well as empowerment of the backward classes and the downtrodden by transforming them to adopt the process of social change and the development gains.
- Make them conscious of their role in the integrated development of the community and to generate sector respect/self reliance.

## VALUES

- ***Apolitical:***  
Does not associate itself with any political ideology or political party.
- ***Respects gender and equity:***  
Promotes gender parity and equity, strives to ensure equity of the three genders (Male/ Female and Third Gender as defined by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India).
- ***Development is a process:***  
Development is a natural process. We give it a direction, with innovation and take it to a desired and acceptable destination.
- ***Respects tradition and culture:***  
We build upon existing traditions; cultural values so that the community understands and accepts the interventions, make it sustainable.
- ***Believes in sustainable development:***  
Sustainability is the basic component of any intervention commencing from planning to phasing out.
- ***Democracy that accelerates development:***  
Democratic attitude ensures inflow of better ideas, ensures acceptance or rejection and thus accelerates development in a sustainable manner; we believe so.
- ***Open to new ideas:***  
Novelties, shifts; without having to hamper the traditions, the environment are welcomed at HOLY HOME as and when they filter in.

## STRENGTH

- Young, energetic, hard working and committed staff.
- Ever ready to learn approach.
- Project staff members mostly hail from the local community.
- Team spirit; believe in the philosophy of democracy.
- Participatory decision making process.
- Transparency and accountability.

## Major Activities of the Year 2018-19

### EDUCATION

*Girls are undoubtedly an indispensable part of our society. No society or culture can progress without the presence of girls. Until few years ago, people in India and several other underdeveloped and developing countries used to think that girls should stay at home, cook food and look after the kids and elderly. But now the mindset has been changed; girls in India are bringing accolades to their parents and they are doing well in every field such as academics, sports, politics, etc.*

*This could only be possible through encouraging girls' education. Education is the only weapon that can empower girls and consequently strengthen the society. It is good to see that the modern age is changing its attitude towards girls and giving them all the support to prove their potential. Gender equality plays an important role in this change of attitude. Every girl is capable of doing extraordinary work provided they get proper education and upbringing.*

*HOLY HOME takes initiatives to enhance access of tribal and dalit girls to education and operates education program to provide access to education to all girls in eligible age. HOLY HOME establishes facilities for providing education to girls of remote villages where services do not exist. HOLY HOME also works to empower communities to provide educational facilities for Secondary Level for ST Girls and for SC girls (both at Sinapali village of Kurumpuri GP, Nuapada District).*

### Educational Complex for ST Girls

Girls' education is important from every perspective of life and society. Educated women lead a healthier life compared to the uneducated women; they participate in the family matters and in the formal labour markets too; earn well, marry at a considerable age and plan a family in a better manner. Not only do they take right decisions for themselves, but they also provide better education and health care options to their children. HOLY HOME has been running a secondary level of residential school, i.e., Holy Home Educational Complex, exclusively for the tribal girl students, giving them maximum facilities, all free (the tribal students are provided free accommodation, food, stationery, uniforms, medical facilities, vocational training, TLMs. etc.), with value based education, to ensure their all-round development, to make them physically strong, mentally agile, culturally enriched, to imbibe in them a spirit of independence and pride so that they can stand on their own and proudly join the mainstream of the nation.

During the year 2018-19, a total of 321 ST girls of the Educational Complex are taught in a Gurukul environment through songs, dances, stories, games and they use various educative learning materials. Globes, charts and maps are used to augment the students' knowledge of their geographical situation. The school has incorporated the practice of 'Yoga' into the curriculum as a measure to promote good health & mental peace, stability, and enthusiasm for leading a cheerful life. Every day morning the students practice various yoga and pranayama to maintain peace and blissfulness life. The teaching method is based on a formal syllabus as per the guidelines of the Govt. of Odisha. Teaching is imparted through formal education processes as per the course curriculum, in addition to extra-curricular activities. A school management committee, parents-teachers association and a mother committee is actively associated to monitor the overall growth of their children. The school is running with support from MOTA, Government of India.

## Non-Residential School for SCs

An educated girl is an asset to the society in the form of a daughter, wife and mother and most importantly she is an example for herself. Women are gaining great recognition on national as well as international platform. Educated girls are working in every sphere of society such as banks, hospitals, private firms and government offices. They are also earning name and fame in sports, such as wrestling, cricket, shooting, etc., and most of them have brought accolades to the country on an international level too. Only education has made it successful.

HOLY HOME's Non-Residential School at Sinapali village in Komna block of Nuapada district is running for scheduled caste girls students. During the reporting period (2018-19), there are 137 SC girl students are continuing their secondary schooling (Class VI to X). Services include teaching-learning materials, school uniforms, nutritional support (mid-day meal) and health check-up, etc., are provided to the students. In addition to this, the organization has imparted teaching learning and other activities based on curricular and co-curricular activities. A management committee, comprising of local community, parents and teachers looks after the activities of the School. Parents teachers meet are also organized to discuss on the progress of their children. The teachers use different innovative methods to teach the children and enhance their level of learning. The school is running with support from MoSJ&E, Government of India.

### Residential Hostel Facilities for SCs w.e.f. 2016-17

To reduce the dropout rates among the SC Girl Children, the management of the organization has been running the Non-Residential School for SCs in 'Residential Mode' since 2016-17 with organization's own cost. Our management has been urging before the Ministry of SJ&E, Govt. of India through proper channel to convert the School from Non-Residential to 'Residential'.

## HEALTH

*Drug abuse is a widespread problem that makes individual drug users the prime victims. But drugs also affect all of us, wherever we live and whatever we do. Drug abuse can cause serious physical and mental deterioration. The problem can tear apart the family structure and make it hard for learning. Difficulties on the job due to drug abuse make it hard for employers to run their businesses. Stealing from employers or from individuals to get money from for drugs causes pain and economic loss to the victims.*

### Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts

The alarming rate of drug consumption has always been a problem and has detrimental effects on the society. Personal and family problems also lead to drug abuse among youngsters who fail to deal with personal problems. Addiction is not just a health problem; it is a social and public health problem. Drugs are chemicals that affect the body and brain. Different drugs can have different effects. Some effects of drugs include health consequences that are long-lasting and even permanent.

Considering the consequences of drug abuse and its impact on the society, HOLY HOME decided to work for the prevention of drug abuse in our society especially in tribal dominated remote areas of Nuapada district & set up a project called as IRCA-Jeevan Dhara (Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts), popularly known as drug de-addiction centre which is running with support from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. During 2018-19, a total of 214 (163 in IPD & 51 in OPD) patients were benefitted in IRCA – Jeevan Dhara.

The centre is treating the alcoholic as well substance drugs addicts. The composite centre is a 15 bedded hospital having the facility of indoor and outdoor treatment. The medication includes yoga therapy, ayurveda enriching the full body and mind treatment for early recovery of addicts. There is the provision of counseling the addict & their family members, the peer groups and the co-worker of the work place. The program consists of group therapies, individual therapies, meditation, family classes, community gatherings for awareness generation, and physical activities such as yoga and recreational programs. In IRCA, patients are given important knowledge in life skills, and they are also made aware of their strengths through empowerment sessions. Skilled counselors help patients develop their personalities in order to fight addictive habits. IRCA continues to keep patients accountable by making home visits, and follow up appointments. IRCA is committed to creating an environment where patients can become successful addiction free individuals.

## AGED CARE

*The increase in the life span that has been possible due to up-gradation brought about in medical science has created a new problem. It is that now we have so many senior citizens everywhere and their number is increasing day by day. With the rise in elderly population, the demand for holistic care tends to grow. Although senior citizens cannot do strenuous work, they have other merits. They are highly experienced persons and can guide the young people on the right path. They can tell them the secrets of success in life and pitfalls that may be there.*

### Old Age Home

With the modernization the minds are becoming narrow and the people are becoming selfish. They are forgetting that they are refusing to take care of those persons who gave birth to them and who take care of them from many years. These old persons have hand behind the success of their children. In order to lend the helping hand and provided these sections of neglected mass a secured and fruitful end life HOLY HOME's Old Age Home is an institutional service delivery program has been the mostly welcome program for the destitute elderly of Nuapada district. This is 'a home away from home' for the inmates of the old age home; where HOLY HOME is providing the services like shelter, food, clothing, medical check-up free of cost to 25 beneficiaries. During the year 2018-19, two religious outing was organized for the inmates of the home.

Apart from these television and recreational facilities are also provided to support their moral strength. Also the capable & interested beneficiaries are being given the scope for keeping themselves engaged through productive activities which will keep them healthy and happy. This program is being supported by MoSJ & E, Government of India.

### Senior Citizens' Home for Elderly Women

Elderly women senior citizen of our society faces various types of discrimination which is compounded during old age. Due to our social ambiguity they face discrimination and become the victims of neglect and torture. In order to assist these disadvantaged sections of the society. HOLY HOME has been managing a project named as "Senior Citizens' Home for Elderly Women" exclusively meant for rehabilitation of destitute elderly women. The project is located at Sinapali village of Komna Block, Nuapada district. A total of 25 nos. of neglected widow women; single women; elderly women neglected in their family; elderly women isolated by successors; and deserted elderly women are staying in the center & receiving integrated support & care services like lodging, nutritious food, healthcare, recreational services and assistance for productive engagement. Other activities of the project include participation in spiritual talks, Yoga & Shramadan.



Our organization has been managing the project by mobilizing resources on its own. We are making necessary effort to avail financial assistance from Govt. of India, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment under the scheme “Integrated Program for Senior Citizens”.

### **Mobile Medicare Unit for Senior Citizens**

Continuous increase in life expectancy means that more people are now living longer. General improvement in the health care facilities over the years is one of the main reasons for continuing increase in proportion of population of senior citizens. Ensuring that they are not merely live longer, but lead secure, dignified and productive life is a major challenge. Due to prevailing degradation in moral values among the younger generation, traditional system of living togetherness is declining rapidly. So, the older persons are facing lot of problems in the absence of adequate social security. This clearly reveals that ageing has become a major social challenge and there is a need to provide for the economic and health needs of the elderly and to create a social milieu, which is conducive and emotional needs of the elderly.

To improve health status of senior citizens to assume active role in maintaining their day to day life and to improve access of senior citizens to basic health care & referral in underserved area, HOLY HOME through mobile medicare camps, a total of 4,292 senior citizens (Male: 2,455 & Female: 1,837) were treated in different remote tribal villages of Nuapada district for diseases like eye infection, arthritis, cataracts, depression, joint pain, throat infection, gastritis, weakness, headache, fever, diarrhea, cold & cough, respiratory problem, skin diseases, diabetes, etc. All have been provided with free check-up and medicines were distributed free to the deserving patients and needy patients were referred to the nearest PHCs, CHCs and District Headquarter Hospital.

## **OTHER PROGRAMS**

### **Road Safety Awareness**

Millions lose their life and millions get injured in road accidents globally; mainly, due to lack of awareness about traffic rules or a behavior of flouting them. Therefore, to make people more aware of the traffic rules and to persuade them to follow rules while on road; the Road Safety Awareness program is being observed by the organization. A week-long awareness campaign during 30<sup>th</sup> Road Safety Week 2019 was celebrated by HOLY HOME from 04<sup>th</sup> February to 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 in different places of Nuapada and Komna Block of Nuapada district.

The main objective of the campaign was:

- To promote and initiate the road safety measures in the community, schools, colleges, on roads.
- To encourage all the travelers to follow the traffic rules and wear helmets and wear the seat belts while driving.
- To make the people aware about the speed limit of the vehicles to prevent road accident.
- To encourage all the citizens to donate blood which is needed at the time of road accidents.
- To reduce noise pollution and air pollution to a minimal level.

### **Credit Linkage Support to Entrepreneurs**

HOLY HOME has been providing support linkage with banks for credit to those neo-literates and semi-literates who completed the vocational training for setting up ventures for income generation and self employment. About 50 women and girls are linked to banks for credit and to setup

ventures every year. About 100 women and girls are taking up agarbati making, 40 women and girls are taking up tailoring and stitching and 28 women and girls are taking up appliqué work at their home with the financial support of bank and earning their livelihood.

### **Producer's Group Formation**

HOLY HOME has formed women producer group among Agarbati (incense stick) makers/ producers, Candle makers and Applique makers in the district for marketing of the products. Producers group facilitate marketing of products of individual women producers and tie up with trading organization. Forty-eight Producer groups of women producers are operational. HOLY HOME provided training and guidance to producers group on maintaining quality standards, product finishing, packing of products and marketing and support in maintaining of books and records.

### **Library Services**

Rapid urbanisation is causing problems for the rural poor and their children in Odisha, who live without civic amenities like power (electricity) and sometimes water. For their social and agricultural development, the best answer is improved education, through reading materials like books and periodicals including text books. To support the villages, a library has established by HOLY HOME at Sinapali village of Komna Block. At present it has newspapers, magazines, mythological books, newsletters, biographies, etc. The village readers including women and children use to come to the library, in their leisure and enjoy the books by reading there. The library has also books for young children and students. The volunteers of HOLY HOME organize group discussions on different issues at regular intervals among the village people, local youth and students. Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata is giving book assistance to the organization.

### **Observations**

The days celebrated by HOLY HOME are as follows: Utkal Divas, World Health Day, World No-Tobacco Day, World Environment Day, World Population Day, Independence Day, International Literacy Day, Gandhi & Shastri Jayantis; World AIDS Day, Children's Day, Republic Day, International Women's Day, World Consumer's Day, etc.



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